

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

ARISE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE;)	
¿OISTE?; NEW ENGLAND STATE-AREA)	
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP;)	
REV. TALBERT W. SWAN, II;)	
NORMAN W. OLIVER; DARLENE)	
ANDERSON; GUMERSINDO GOMEZ;)	
FRANK BUNTIN; RAFAEL)	
RODRIGUEZ; and DIANA NURSE,)	Civil Action No. 05-30080 MAP
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
)	
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD and)	
SPRINGFIELD ELECTION COMMISSION,)	
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Defendants.)	
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JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING REFERRAL TO MEDIATION

In accordance with the Court's Pretrial Scheduling Order dated October 20, 2006, the parties hereby respectfully request that this matter be referred to mediation before Magistrate Judge Kenneth P. Neiman. The parties do not intend the mediation process to delay the trial scheduled for February 12, 2007, and accordingly will continue to comply with all pre-trial deadlines during the mediation.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD and
SPRINGFIELD ELECTION COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non registered participants on October 30, 2006.

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